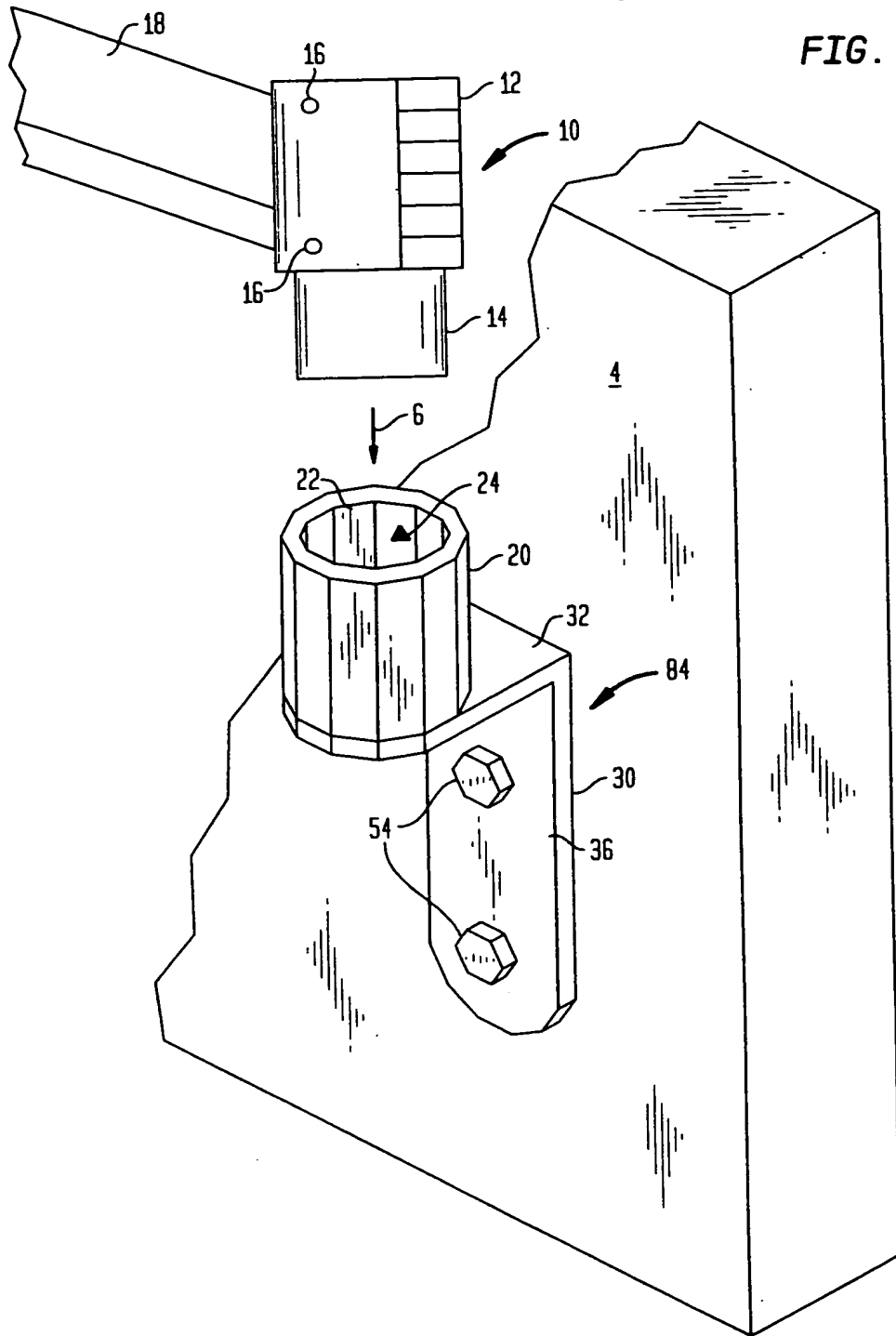


FIG. 1





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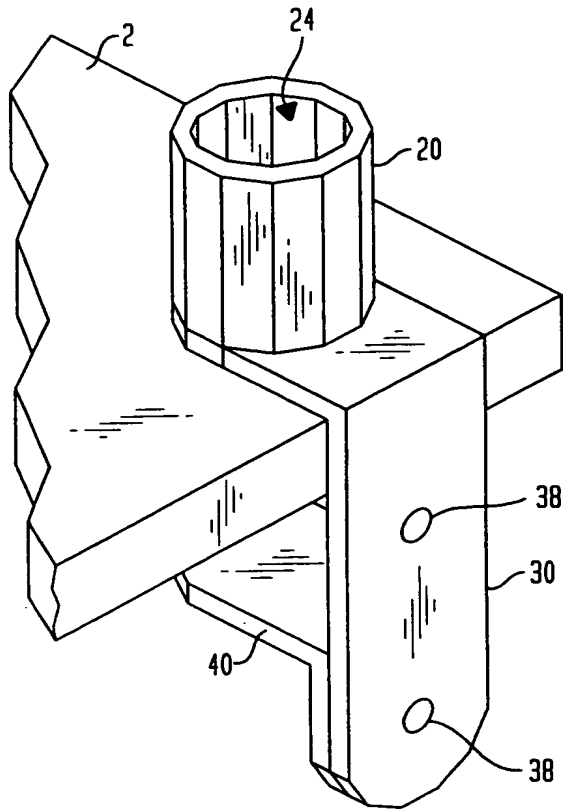
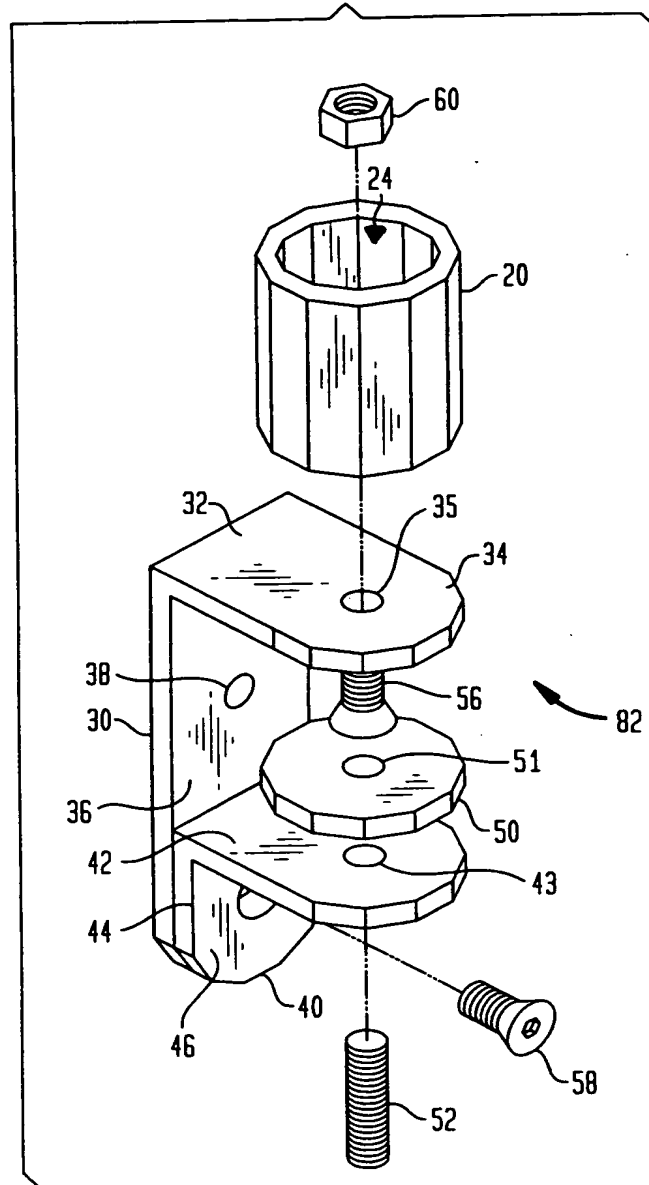




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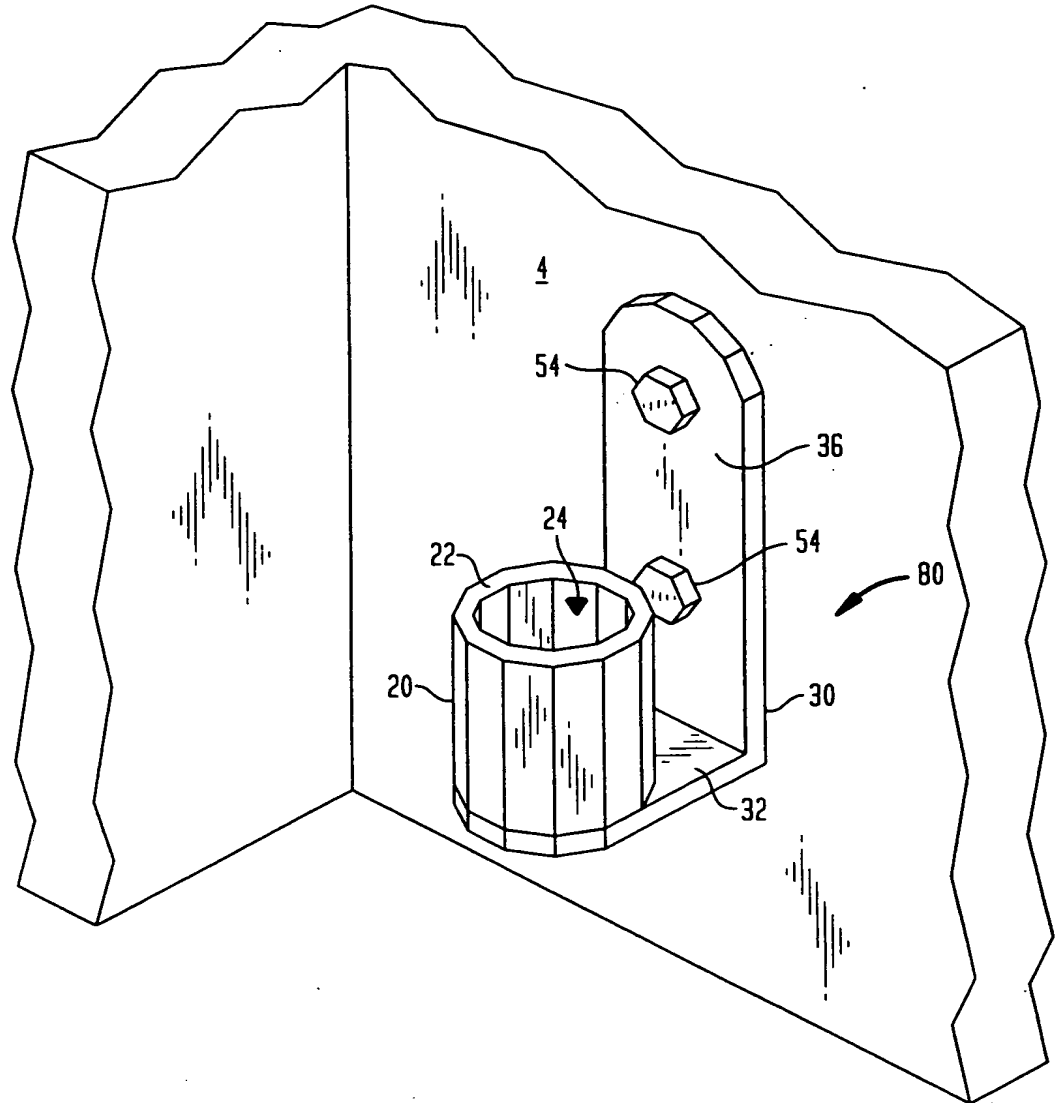




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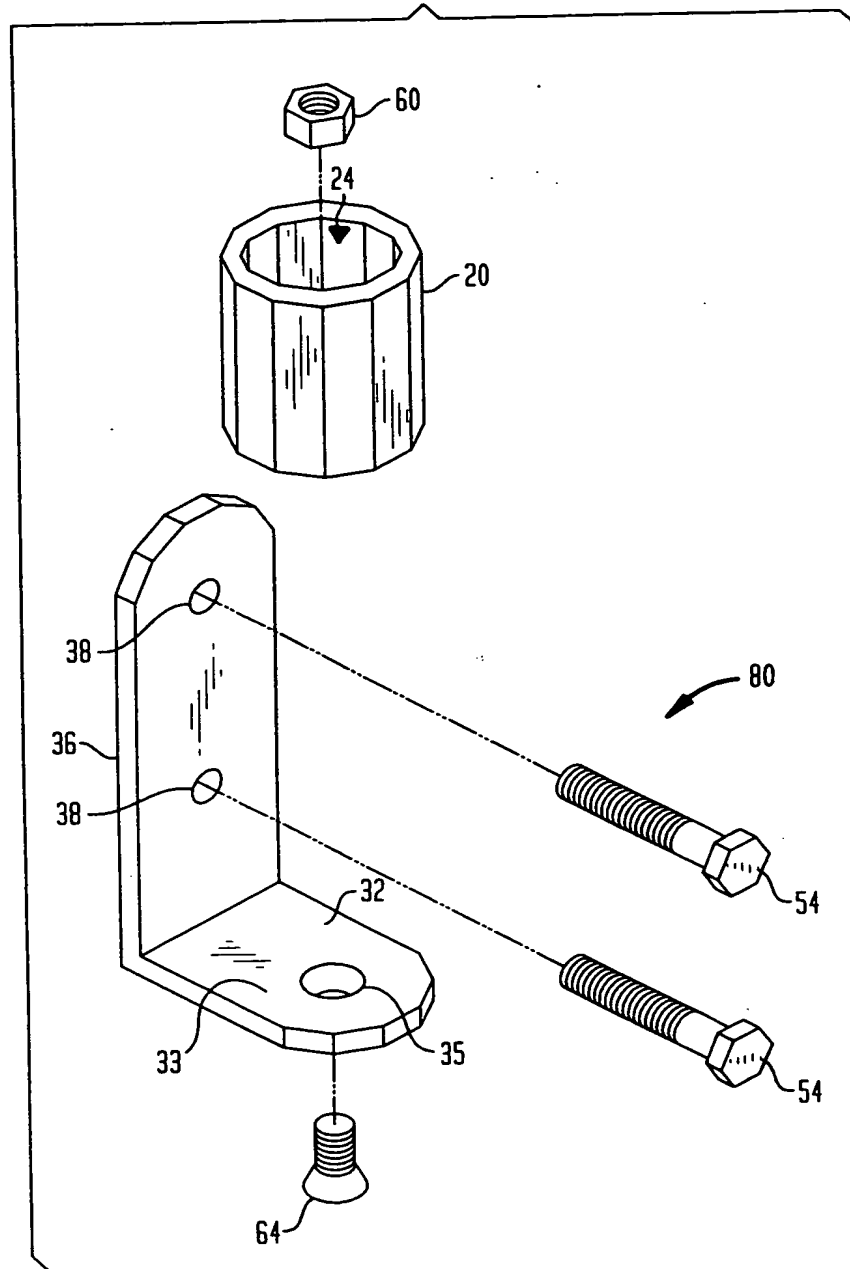




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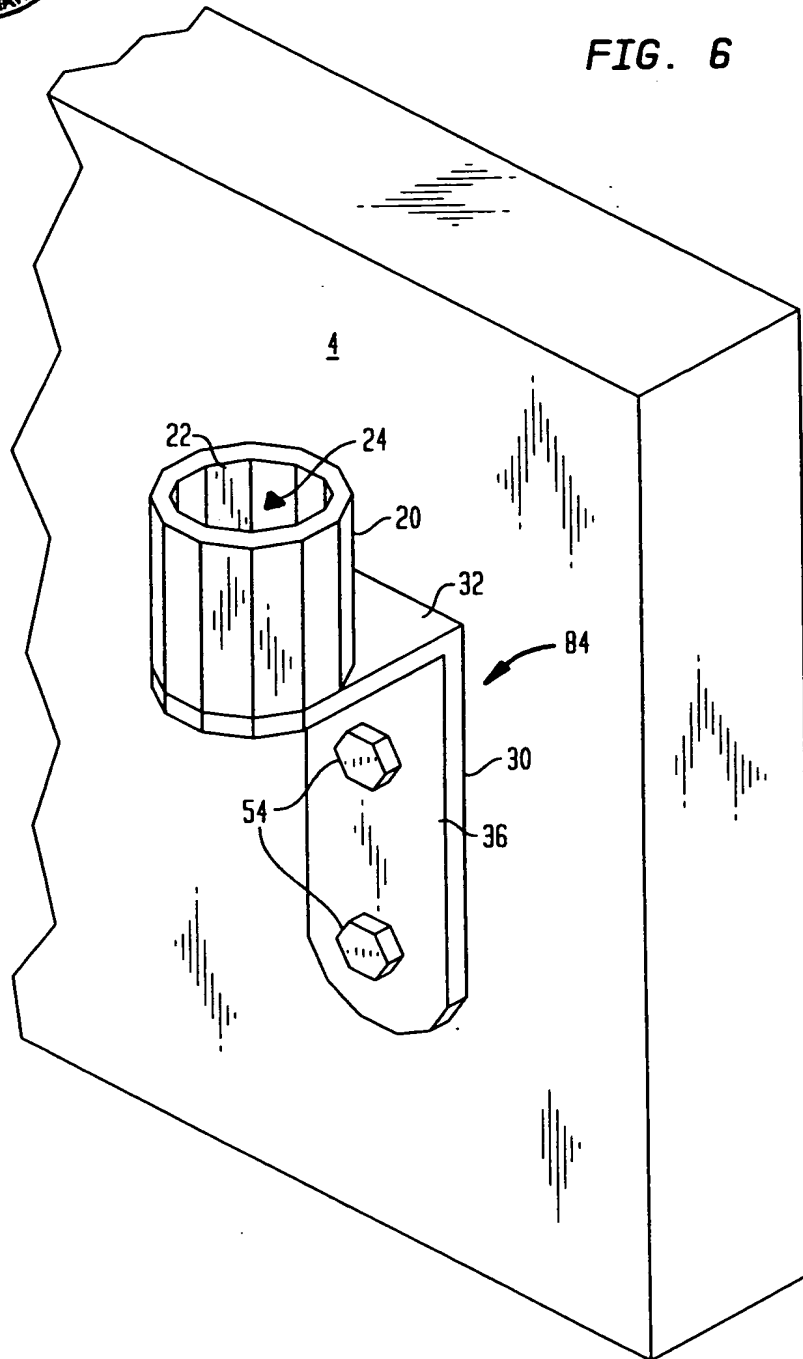




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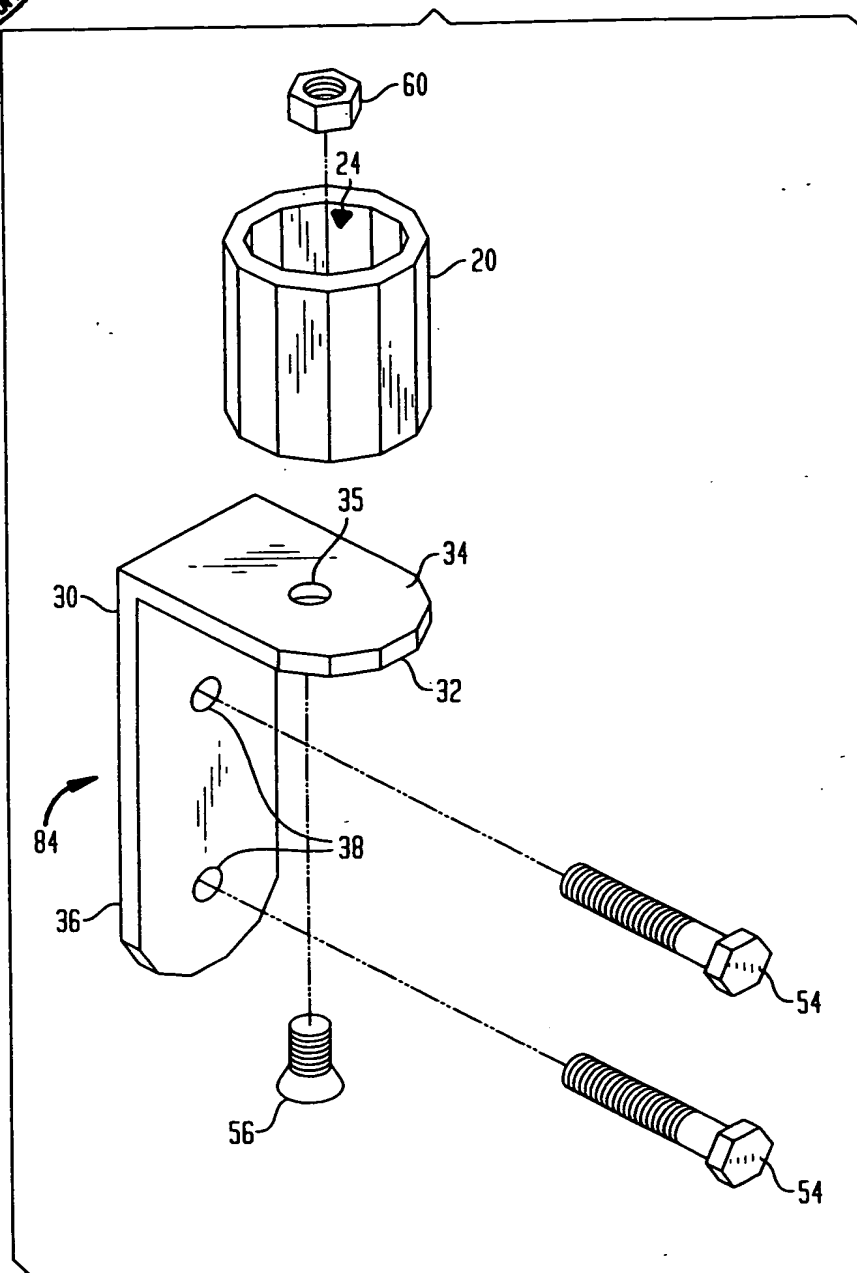




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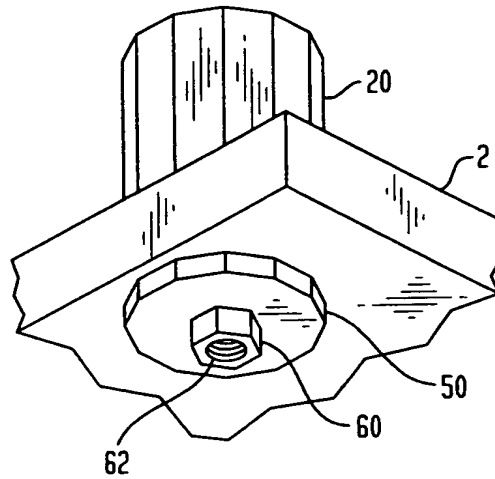


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FIG. 8



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FIG. 9

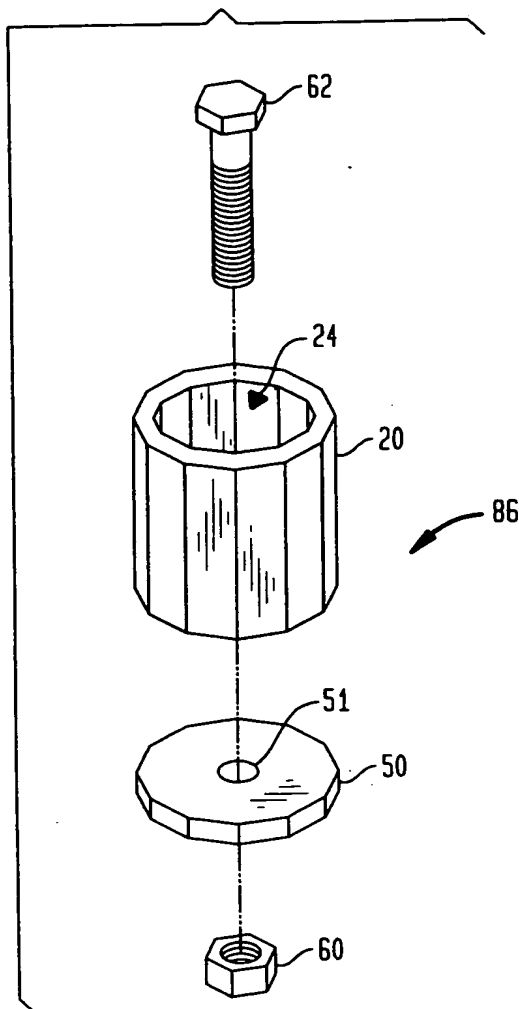




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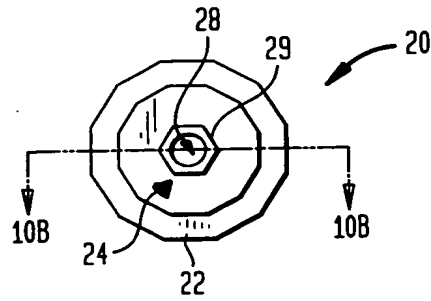


FIG. 10B

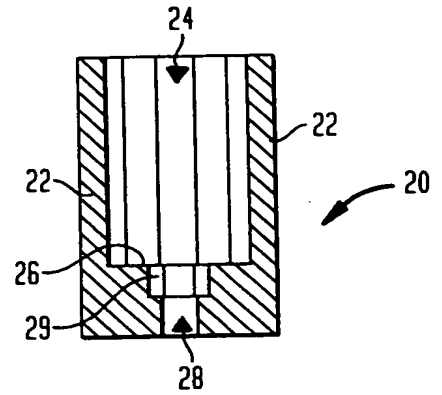


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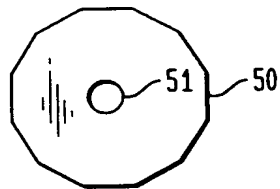
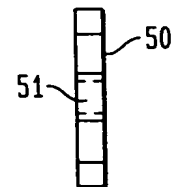


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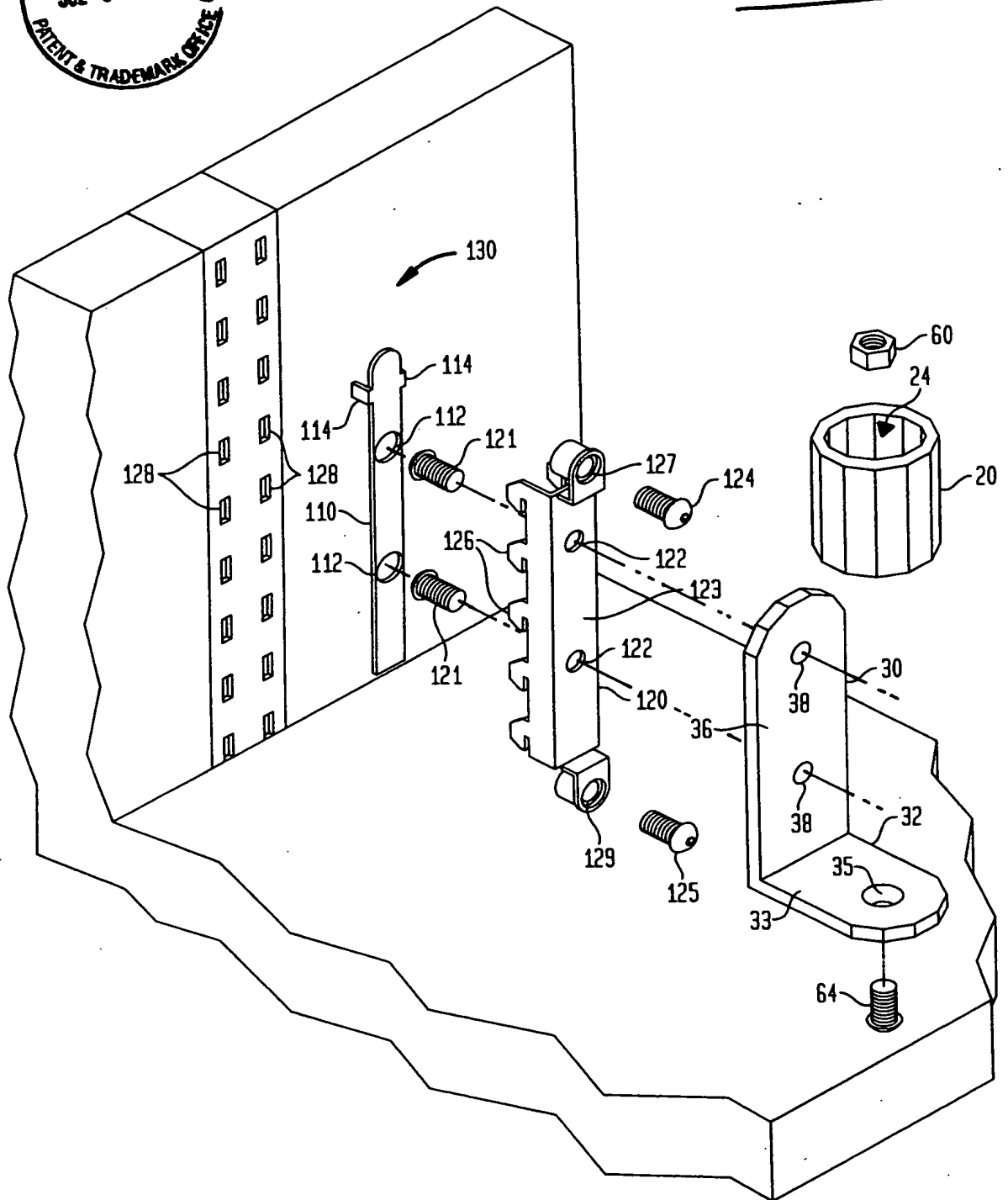




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FIG. 14

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FIG. 15

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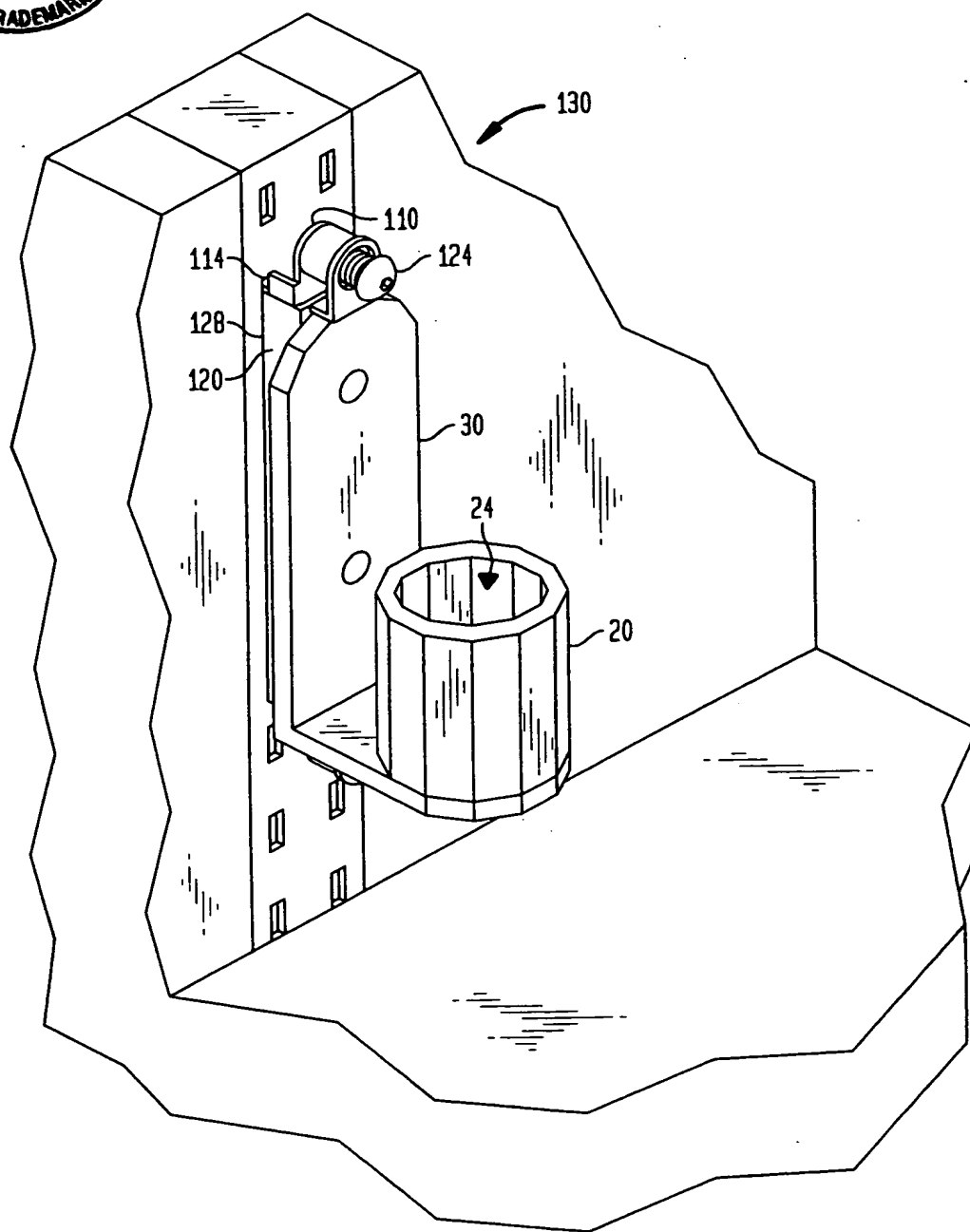
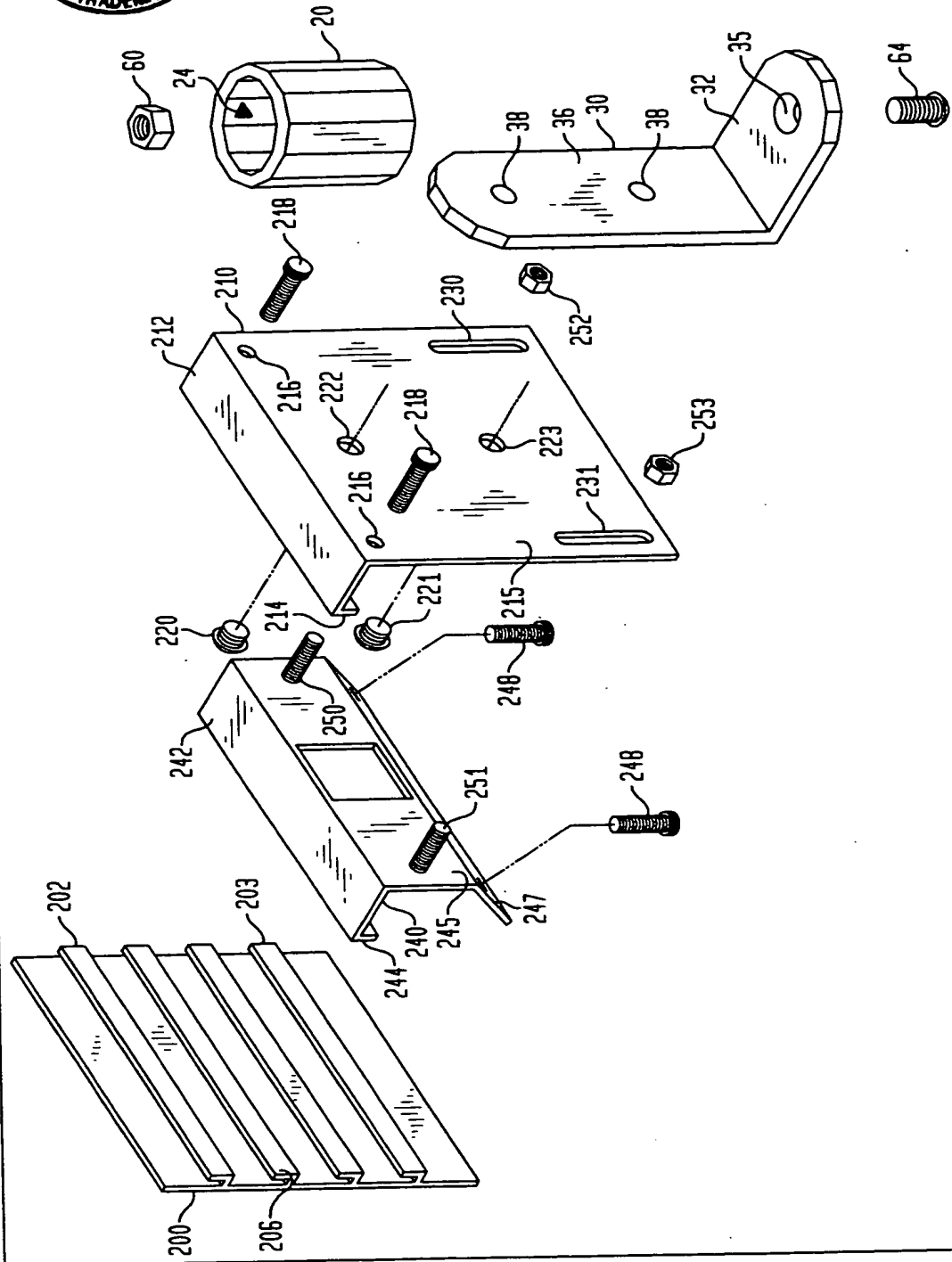


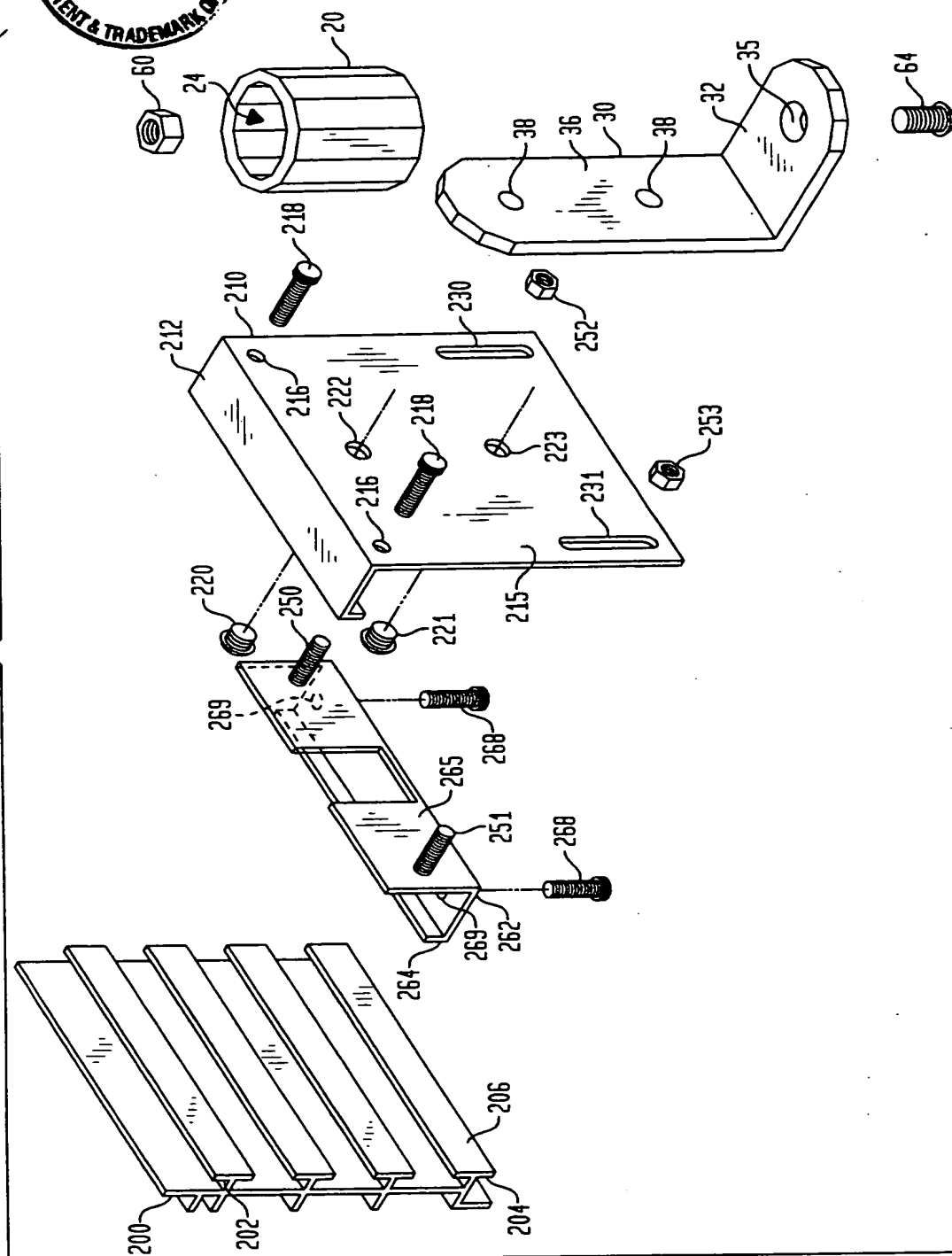


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FIG. 18

